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1. FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL IN GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED EL MOUDJAHID AUGUST 8, ENTITLED "SAHARA, THE JUST CAUSE OF LIBERATION," MAKES FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) SAHARA MUST NOT CONSTITUTE CAUSE OF DISCORD AMONG NEIGHBORING STATES. THIS IS GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF ALGERIAN POLMFL, WHICH IS PEACEFUL AND REALISTIC, REGARDING ANY DIPLOMATIC OR OTHER ACTION TOWARD LIBERATION OF SAHARA.

(B) ALGERIA HAS NO TERRITORIAL CLAIM TO SAHARA. IT SUPPORTS TOTAL AND IMMEIDATE LIBERATION OF THIS PORTION OF ARAB TERRITORY STILL UNDER FOREIGN DOMINATION.

(C) THIS POLICY IS CLEAR AND WOULD NOT HAVE
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MOROCCO) SAW FIT TO RECALL WHAT THEY CLAIM TO BE A DEBT." ALGERIAN REVOLUTION HAS ALWAYS RECOGNIZED ASSISTANCE IT RECEIVED FROM NEIGHBORS EAST AND WEST IN COMMON GOAL OF REGAINING NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. THIS SOLIDARITY GAVE BIRTH TO GRAND DESIGN CALLED THE ARAB MAGHREB. BUT LET NO ONE FORGET THAT THIS LONG MARCH ALSO PRECIPITATED PROCESS OF EMANCIPATION FOR MANY PEOPLES. OUR REVOLUTION REFUSES ANY FURTHER ACCOUNTABILITY. NO ONE SHOULD COMMIT ERROR, WHERE AFFAIRS OF STATE ARE CONCERNED, OF ATTEMPTING TO INSTRUCT OTHERS AS TO NATURE OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS.

(D) SINCERE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION IS ONLY TRUE AND DEFINITIVE APPROACH TO PROBLEMS INHERITED FROM ERA OF COLONIALISM.

2. COMMENT: THIS CAREFULLY WORDED EDITORIAL IS FIRST PUBLIC GOA STATEMENT ON SAHARA. ALTHOUGH IT CRITICIZES MOROCCAN TACTICS, WE DO NOT READ IT AS SPECIFICALLY REJECTING MOROCCAN CLAIMS. MOST IMPORTANT POINT IT MAKES IS NECESSITY FOR CLOSE COOPERATION AMONG NEIGHBORING STATES TO SOLVE PROBLEM.
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